

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claim 1, and add new claim 28 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A scrubbing soap bar, comprising:  
~~a soap material; and~~  
a scrubbing element ~~substantially surrounded by the soap material, the scrubbing element consisting essentially of~~ having a filamentous network with internal void regions, ~~the void regions of the scrubbing element being at least partially filled with the soap material; and~~  
a layer of rigid soap material substantially surrounding the scrubbing element and at least partially filling the void regions of the scrubbing element.
2. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of polymer fibers.
3. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of organic fibers.
4. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element is further comprised of a non-woven network of metallic fibers.
5. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 2, wherein the non-woven network of polymer fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of nylon.
6. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 4, wherein the non-woven network of metallic fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of a ferrous material.
7. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 4, wherein the non-woven network of metallic fibers includes a non-woven network of fibers comprised of a non-ferrous material.

8. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing element further comprises a natural or a synthetic sponge material.

9. (Previously Presented) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the soap material is further comprised of a material formed by the saponification of an organic fat with an alkali.

10. (Original) The scrubbing soap bar of claim 1, wherein the soap material is further comprised of a synthetic detergent material.

11-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A scrubbing soap bar, comprising:  
a scrubbing element consisting essentially of a filamentous network with internal void regions; and

a rigid soap material that substantially surrounds and extends beyond the scrubbing element and at least partially fills the void regions.